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IRAQ-IRAN CONFLICT
AL BASRAH FRONT, IRAQ

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1. (TSR) SIGNIFICANCE: THE IRANIANS HAVE WITHDRAWN MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THEIR ARMORED RESERVES FROM THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE BATTLE FRONT EAST OF AL BASRAH.

2. (TSR) REMARKS: MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST THREE IRANIAN BATTALION-SIZED TANK AND MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNITS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM SIX REAR ASSEMBLY AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF 30-42N 048-03E SINCE TWO 155MM M-109 SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY BATTALIONS (BN) AND MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A FIELD ARTILLERY BN HAVE ALSO BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THEIR FIRING POSITIONS IN THIS AREA. IN ADDITION, A COMPANY-SIZED TANK/MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNIT IS STILL IN ITS ASSEMBLY AREA IN THIS SECTOR, BUT HAS PULLED OUT OF ITS VEHICLE REVETMENTS AND IS PROBABLY PREPARING TO DEPART. NO ARMORED UNITS ARE IN THE RAILYARD AREA AND NO HEAVY-LIFT ACTIVITY IS EVIDENT.

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(TSR) MINOR IRANIAN ARMORED UNITS ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT LINE IN THE VICINITY OF 31-04N 047-53E. HOWEVER, PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THE IRANIAN REAR AREAS IN THIS SECTOR PRECLUDES A COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF IRANIAN FORCES.

3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

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